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R 302157Z AUG 78 FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9820 INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ETLN, CO

SUBJECT: DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY

REF: STATE 217824

- 1. WE APPRECIATE INFO PROVIDED IN REFTEL CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING. WE ARE PASSING THIS INFORMATION ON TO GOC WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS IN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- 2. WE DO NOT PLAN TO DICSUSS SUBJECT OF DISCONTINUANCE OF US FUNDING AT HIGHER LEVEL IN GOC AS WE FEEL THIS WOULD GIVE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO OUR EARLY RELATIONS WITH TURBAY ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY AS PRESIDENT TURBAY IS ON RECORD (MAY 31 PRE-ELECTION SPEECH TO COLOMBO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) AS BEING STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS HIGHWAY AS BEING OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. HE STATED THAT BY THE END OF HIS TERM IN OFFICE IN 1982, IT WAS HIS FIRM ASPIRATION TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO PANAMA BY LAND.
- 3. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO WIND THIS MATTER DOWN AS SMOOTHLY AND AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUTH INJECTING A NOTE OF FINALITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY OTHER COURSE MIGHT ENGENDER UNNECESSARY NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM GOC.
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